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amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Kremer on the Aguilar amendment.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, want to support the amendment and state that I think Senator Aguilar did a terrific job of explaining just what happened. And it's been done plenty of times so the transition should move very smoothly. As was stated before, because of the two-year look back, it would have left a gap of two years in there when approximately one-fourth of Grand Island Northwest's budget would not be accounted for. And so it's something that needs to be done and I fully support the amendment and turn the balance of my time back. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Brown, on AM1845.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, the aspect of...of the almost hold-harmless aspect of this, in terms of the state aid, I understand and will probably support. But I wondered if Senator Raikes would yield to a couple questions?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR BROWN: Is there...is there anything in what we're doing here that is going to impact the structure of the two districts or how they will...how they will end up being structured after the period of time that...that the option payments will be available?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, the intent of the bill, I believe, and certainly the committee amendment was to be neutral on that issue. There is no...as far as I know, no incentive one way or the other for something to happen structure wise. The focus is strictly on financing these two equalized public school systems and providing the aid, the state aid that would be appropriate to each system.